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Name of Patentee(s): Robert C. Dixon

Patent Number: 5,850,600

Date Patent Issued: 12/15/1998

Title of Invention: Three Cell Wireless Communication System

I am the inventor of the original patent.

I offer to surrender the original patent.

1. [X] Filed herein is a certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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The written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.

Signature: Robert C. Dixon — Date: 4-5-00

Typed or printed name: Robert C. Dixon

The assignee owning an undivided interest in said original patent is Omnipoint Corporation, and the assignee consents to the accompanying application for reissue.

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CONSENT TO THE REISSUE BY THE ASSIGNEE

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OMNIPOINT CORPORATION, assignee of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,600, consents to the filing of the present application for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,600.

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Attached herewith are documents evidencing a chain of title which establishes that OMNIPOINT CORPORATION is the present assignee of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,600. This patent is a continuation of Serial No. 410,901, filed March 27, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,640,674, which in turn is a continuation of Serial No. 682,050, filed April 8, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,402,413.

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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, **ROBERT C. DIXON**, a citizen of the United States, having a post office address at 2120 Hollowbrook Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918, invented a new and useful invention, titled **"THREE CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM"**, for which I have filed application papers for United States Letters Patent thereon, Serial No. **07/682,050**, filed **April 8, 1991**; and

WHEREAS, **OMNIPOINT DATA CO., INCORPORATED**, a corporation of the United States, having its principal place of business at 242 Marlboro Street, Boston, MA 02116, is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to the Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor:

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THREE CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/410,901 filed Mar. 27, 1995 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,640,676, which is a continuation in part of application Ser. No. 07/682,050 filed Apr. 8, 1991, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,402,413.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

This invention relates to cellular radio communication. More specifically, this invention relates to a cellular radio communication system including a repeated pattern of three cells.

2. Description of Related Art

In a wireless communication system it is generally necessary for a receiver to distinguish between those signals in its operating region that it should accept and those it should reject. A common method in the art is frequency division (FDMA), in which a separate frequency is assigned to each communication channel. Another common method in the art is time division (TDMA), in which a separate timeslot in a periodic time frame is assigned to each communication channel.

One problem which has arisen in the art is that contiguous coverage of a large area using radio communication has required a cellular configuration with a large number of cells, and thus with only a small number of frequencies available per cell. In an FDMA system, all relatively proximate cells, not just adjacent cells, must operate on different frequencies, and frequencies may be reused only sufficiently far away that stations using those frequencies no longer interfere. In general, with homogenous conditions and equal-power transmitters, the distance between perimeters of like-frequency cells must be at least two to three times the diameter of a single cell. This had led to a seven-cell configuration now in common use for cellular networks.

Another problem which has arisen in the art when the cells are disposed in a three-dimensional configuration, particularly in low-power applications where many transmitters are in close proximity. In addition to avoiding interference from close transmitters, these systems may require complex techniques for handing off mobile stations from one cell to another, and for reassigning unused frequencies. This makes the physical location of each cell's central station critical, and thus requires careful coordination of an entire communication system layout.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,790,000 exemplifies the art.

Accordingly, an object of this invention is to provide a wireless communication system including a pattern having a reduced number of cells. Other and further objects of this invention are to provide a communication system which is less complex, which allows for reduced cell size, which can easily be extended from a two-dimensional to a three-dimensional configuration, which can reject interference, and which allows independent installation of multiple communication systems.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides a wireless communication system including a repeated pattern of cells, in which base station transmitters and user station transmitters for each cell may be assigned a spread-spectrum code for modulating radio signal communication in that cell. Accordingly, radio signals used in that cell are spread across a bandwidth sufficiently

wide that both base station receivers and user station receivers in an adjacent cell may distinguish communication which originates in one cell from another. (Preferably, adjacent cells may use distinguishable frequencies and distinguishable codes, but it is sufficient if adjacent cells use distinguishable frequencies and identical codes.) A repeated pattern of cells allows the codes each to be reused in a plurality of cells.

In a preferred embodiment, a limited number (three is preferred) of spread-spectrum codes may be selected for minimal cross-correlation attribute, and the cells may be arranged in a repeated pattern of three cells, as shown in FIG. 1. Station ID information may be included with data communication messages so that base stations and user stations may distinguish senders and address recipients. Mobile user stations may be handed off between base stations which they move from one cell to the next.

In a preferred embodiment, codes may be assigned dynamically for each cell by each of a plurality of independent communication systems, after accounting for use by other systems. Preferably, if a control station for a second system determines that two codes are in use closest to it, it may select a third code for use in its nearest cell, and dynamically assign codes for other cells to account for that initial assignment. A control station for the first system may also dynamically reassign codes to account for the presence of the second system. Preferably, this technique may also be applied to a three-dimensional configuration of cells.

In a preferred embodiment, time division and frequency division reduce the potential for interference between station transmitters. In a preferred embodiment, each independent communication system may dynamically assign (and reassign) a frequency or frequencies to use from a limited number (three is preferred) of frequencies, after accounting for use by other systems, similarly to the manner in which codes are dynamically assigned and reassigned from a limited number of codes.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a repeated pattern of three cells.

FIG. 2 shows a wireless communication system.

FIG. 3 shows a region with a plurality of independent communication systems.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

FIG. 1 shows a repeated pattern of three cells.

FIG. 2 shows a wireless communication system.

A wireless communication system 201 for communication among a plurality of user stations 202 includes a plurality of cells 203, each with a base station 204, typically located at the center of the cell 203. Each station (both the base stations 204 and the user stations 202) generally comprises a receiver and a transmitter.

In a preferred embodiment, a control station 205 (also comprising a receiver and a transmitter) manages the resources of the system 201. The control station 205 assigns the base station 204 transmitters and user station 202 transmitters in each cell 203 a spread-spectrum code for modulating radio signal communication in that cell 203. Accordingly, radio signals used in that cell 203 are spread across a bandwidth sufficiently wide that both base station 204 receivers and user station 202 receivers in an adjacent cell 206 may distinguish communication which originates in the first cell 203 from communication which originates in the adjacent cell 206.

Preferably, adjacent cells 203 may use distinguishable frequencies and distinguishable codes, but it is sufficient if adjacent cells 203 use distinguishable frequencies and identical codes. Thus, cells 203 which are separated by an intervening cell 203 may use the same frequency and a distinguishable code, so that frequencies may be reused in a tightly packed repeated pattern. As noted herein, spread-spectrum codes which are highly orthogonal are more easily distinguishable and therefore preferred.

The cells 203 may be disposed in the repeated pattern shown in FIG. 1. A cell 203 will be in one of three classes: a first class A 207, a second class B 208, or a third class C 209. No cell 203 of class A 207 is adjacent to any other cell 203 of class A 207, no cell 203 of class B 208 is adjacent to any other cell 203 of class B 208, and no cell 203 of class C 209 is adjacent to any other cell 203 of class C 209. In a preferred embodiment, three spread-spectrum codes may be preselected, such as for minimal cross-correlation attribute, and the such code assigned to each class of cells 203.

However, it would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art, after perusal of the specification, drawings and claims herein, that alternative arrangements of the cells 203 would also be workable. For example, the cells 203 might be arranged in a different pattern. Alternatively, each base station 204 and each user station 202 may be assigned a separate code, which may then be used to identify that station. Hybrids between these two extremes, such as assigning a common code to a designated class of stations, may be preferred where circumstances indicate an advantage. It would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art, that such alternatives would be workable, and are within the scope and spirit of the invention.

In a preferred embodiment, only a single code is used for all base stations 204 and user stations 202 in a single cell 203. A message 210 which is transmitted by a base station 204 or a user station 202 may comprise a portion 211 which comprises station ID information, such as a unique ID for the transmitting station. This allows base stations 204 and user stations 202 to distinguish the sender and to address the recipient(s) of the message 210.

When a mobile user station 202 exits the first cell 203 and enters the adjacent cell 206, the user station 202 is "handed off" from the first cell 203 to the adjacent cell 206, as is well known in the art. Determining when the user station 202 should be handed off may be achieved in one of several ways, including measures of signal strength, bit error rate, cross-correlation interference, measurement of distance based on arrival time or position locationing, and other techniques which are well known in the art. Alternatively, the mobile user station 202 may simply lose communication with the base station 204 for the first cell 203 and re-establish communication with the base station 204 for the adjacent cell 206, also by means of techniques which are well known in the art.

FIG. 3 shows a region with a plurality of independent communication systems.

In a preferred embodiment, a single region 301 may comprise both a first system 302 and a second system 303 for wireless communication. The cells 203 of the first system 302 will be distinct from the cells 203 of the second system 303. Rather than disposing the cells 203 of either the first system 302 or the second system 303 in repeated patterns which may clash, the cells 203 each may have a code which is dynamically assigned (or reassigned), with the first system 302 accounting for use by the second system 303 and vice versa.

In a preferred embodiment, the first system 302 may assign a code to each of the cells 203 based on a limited set of codes and a repeated pattern such as that in FIG. 1. The second system 303 may then determine those codes in the limited set which are in closest use to the control station 205 for the second system 303. The second system 303 may then select one of the remaining codes, and assign the selected code to the cell 203 comprising its control station 205. The control station 205 for the second system 303 may then assign a code to each of the cells 203 in the second system 303 based on the same limited set of codes and a repeated pattern such as that in FIG. 1. In a preferred embodiment, the limited set may comprise three codes, and up to two such closest codes may be determined.

More generally, the first system 302 and the second system 303 may each assign a code to each of the cells 203 in their respective systems, based on a limited set of common codes. For each of the cells 203, either the first system 302 or the second system 303 will manage the base station 204 for that cell 203, and thus be in control of that cell 203. The system in control of that cell 203 may dynamically determine those codes from the limited set which are in closest use to the base station 204 for the cell 203, select one of the remaining codes, and assign the selected code to the cell 203.

It would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art, after perusal of the specification, drawings and claims herein, that application of the disclosed techniques for dynamic assignment (and reassignment) of codes to cells 203 to a three-dimensional configuration of cells 203, would be workable, and is within the scope and spirit of the invention.

In a preferred embodiment, time division is also used. A pulsed-transmitter based system, a minimized number of pulses, and a minimized duration of each pulse reduce the probability of collisions, as is well known in the art. Multiple transmitters may thus all use the same code and the same frequency, as is well known in the art.

In a preferred embodiment, frequency division is also used. Three techniques are disclosed; the third is a preferred embodiment for many envisioned environments. However, it would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art, after perusal of the specification, drawings and claims herein, that other techniques would be workable, and are within the scope and spirit of the invention. It would also be clear to one of ordinary skill that these techniques may be used with spread-spectrum frequency offset techniques instead of frequency division.

(1) If the region 301 comprises only the first system 302 alone, two frequencies may be used. All of the base stations 204 use a first frequency, while all of the user stations 202 use a second frequency. Accordingly, all of the base stations 204 can receive signals from all of the user stations 202, but the use of multiple sufficiently orthogonal spread-spectrum codes allows each base station 204 to reject signals from outside its own cell 203. (Spread-spectrum codes which are highly orthogonal are preferred.) The first frequency and the second frequency must be sufficiently separated so that interference does not occur.

(2) If the region 301 comprises both the first system 302 and the second system 303, frequencies may be assigned dynamically. All of the base station 204 transmitters in each system use a first frequency, selected from a limited set. All of the user station 202 transmitters in each system use a second frequency, also selected from a limited set, not necessarily the same set. Moreover, each system may dynamically assign and reassign frequencies in like manner

as disclosed above for dynamic assignment and reassignment of codes. In like manner as to codes, in a preferred embodiment, the limited set may comprise three frequencies, and up to two such closest frequencies may be determined.

(3) If the region **301** comprises both the first system **302** and the second system **303**, frequencies may be assigned dynamically. All of the base station **204** transmitters and all of the user station **202** transmitters in each cell **203** use a single frequency, selected from a limited set. Each base station **204** dynamically determines those frequencies from the limited set which are in closest use to it, and selects one of the remaining frequencies for use in the cell **203**. The base station **204** transmitters and the user station **202** transmitters may be time-division duplexed. (Time-division duplexing is well known in the art.) In like manner as to codes, in a preferred embodiment, the limited set may comprise three frequencies, and up to two such closest frequencies may be determined.

The amount of separation required between frequencies (while also using code-division and time-division techniques) is dependent upon distance between the user stations **202** in each cell **203**, as well as upon the technique used for modulation and demodulation encoded signals. As is well known in the art, some modulation techniques allow for overlapping wideband signals whose center frequencies are offset by a minimum amount necessary to distinguish between otherwise cross-correlating signals. In a preferred embodiment, such modulation techniques may be used, allowing more efficient use of frequency spectrum and allowing frequencies to be reused at closer proximity.

Alternative Embodiments

While preferred embodiments are disclosed herein, many variations are possible which remain within the concept and scope of the invention, and these variations would become clear to one of ordinary skill in the art after perusal of the specification, drawings and claims herein.

For example, it would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art, after perusal of the specification, drawings and claims herein, that other and further techniques, such as adjustable power control, cell sectoring, directional antennas, and antennae diversity, may be used to enhance a wireless communication system embodying the principles of the invention. Moreover, it would be clear to one of ordinary skill that a system also employing such other and further techniques would be workable, and is within the scope and spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. A wireless communication system, comprising:

a pattern of cells;

a base station; and

one or more user stations;

wherein said base station and said user stations communicate using time division multiple access;

wherein said base station is assigned a first transmission frequency for transmitting to a first cell in said pattern of cells, said first transmission frequency not being assigned to any base station for transmitting to any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent to said first cell;

wherein each user station in said first cell is assigned a second transmission frequency for transmitting to said base station for the respective first cell, said second transmission frequency not being assigned to any user station in any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent to said first cell.

2. The wireless communication system of claim 1, wherein said first transmission frequency is from a first set

comprised of a limited first predetermined number of frequencies and wherein said second transmission frequency is from a second set comprised of a limited second predetermined number of frequencies, whereby said first set of frequencies is different than said second set of frequencies.

3. The wireless communication system of claim 2, wherein said first predetermined number of frequencies is three and said second predetermined number of frequencies is three.

4. The wireless communication system of claim 1, wherein said base station is dynamically assigned said first transmission frequency.

5. The wireless communication system of claim 1, wherein the user stations in said first cell are dynamically assigned said second transmission frequency.

6. The wireless communication system of claim 1, wherein transmissions between said base station transmitting to said first cell and the user stations in said first cell are time division duplexed.

7. A wireless communication system, comprising:

a pattern of cells;

one or more base stations; and

one or more user stations;

wherein said base stations and said user stations communicate using time division multiple access;

wherein a base station which transmits to a first cell in said pattern of cells is assigned a first transmission frequency for transmitting to said first cell, said first transmission frequency not being assigned to any base station for transmitting to any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent to said first cell;

wherein each user station in said first cell is assigned said first transmission frequency for transmitting to said base station which transmits to said first cell;

wherein the communications between said base station which transmits to said first cell and the user stations in said first cell are time division duplexed.

8. The wireless communication system of claim 7, wherein a user station in said first cell transmits data communication messages which include station identification information.

9. The wireless communication system of claim 7, wherein said base station which transmits to said first cell is dynamically assigned said first transmission frequency.

10. The wireless communication system of claim 7, wherein a user station is dynamically assigned said first transmission frequency when it enters said first cell.

11. The wireless communication system of claim 7, wherein said pattern of cells comprises a repeated pattern of cells consisting essentially of a first class of cells, a second class of cells, and a third class of cells, wherein no member of said first class of cells is adjacent to another member of said first class of cells, no member of said second class of cells is adjacent to another member of said second class of cells, and no member of said third class of cells is adjacent to another member of said third class of cells.

12. A wireless communication system, comprising:

a pattern of cells;

a base station; and

one or more user stations;

wherein said base station is assigned a first transmission frequency for transmitting to a first cell in said pattern of cells, said first transmission frequency not being assigned to any base station for transmitting to any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent said first cell;

wherein said user stations in said first cell are assigned a second transmission frequency, said second transmission frequency not assigned to any user stations in any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent said first cell;

wherein said base station is further assigned a first spread spectrum code for modulating radio communication for said first cell; and

wherein said user stations in said first cell are each assigned a second spread spectrum code for modulating radio communication from said first cell.

13. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein said first transmission frequency is from a first set comprised of a limited first predetermined number of frequencies and wherein said second transmission frequency is from a second set comprised of a limited second predetermined number of frequencies.

14. The wireless communication system of claim 13, whereby the frequencies of said first set of frequencies are mutually exclusive of the frequencies of said second set of frequencies.

15. The wireless communication system of claim 13, wherein said first predetermined number of frequencies is three and said second predetermined number of frequencies is three.

16. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein said base station is dynamically assigned said first transmission frequency.

17. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein a user station is dynamically assigned said second transmission frequency when it enters said first cell.

18. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein each base station servicing said pattern of cells uses said first spread spectrum code for modulating radio communication for said pattern of cells and wherein each user station in said pattern of cells uses said second spread spectrum code for modulating radio communications from said pattern of cells.

19. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein said pattern of cells comprises a repeated pattern of cells consisting essentially of a first class of cells, a second class of cells, and a third class of cells, wherein no member of said first class of cells is adjacent to another member of said first class of cells, no member of said second class of cells is adjacent to another member of said second class of cells and no member of said third class of cells is adjacent to another member of said third class of cells.

20. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein said first spread spectrum code and said second spread spectrum code comprise a set of codes with minimal cross-correlation attributes.

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CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A wireless communication system, comprising:

a pattern of cells;

a base station; and

one or more user stations;

wherein said base and said user stations communicate using time division multiple access;

wherein said base station is assigned a first transmission frequency for transmitting to a first cell in said pattern of cells, said first transmission frequency not being assigned to any base station for transmitting to any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent to said first cell;

wherein each user station in said first cell is assigned a second transmission frequency for transmitting to said base station for the respective first cell, said second transmission frequency not being assigned to any user station in any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent to said first cell.

2. A wireless communication system of claim 1, wherein said first transmission frequency is from a first set comprised of a limited first predetermined number of frequencies and wherein said second transmission frequency is from a second set comprised of a limited second predetermined number of frequencies, whereby said first set of frequencies is different than said second set of frequencies.

3. The wireless communication system of claim 2, wherein said first predetermined number of frequencies is three and said second predetermined number of frequencies is three.

4. The wireless communication system of claim 1, wherein said base station is dynamically assigned said first transmission frequency.

5. The wireless communication system of claim 1, wherein the user stations in said first cell are dynamically assigned said second transmission frequency.

6. The wireless communication system of claim 1, wherein transmissions between said base station transmitting to said first cell and the user stations in said first cell are time division duplexed.

7. A wireless communication system, comprising:

a pattern of cells;

one or more base stations; and

one or more user stations;

wherein said base stations and said user stations communicate using time division multiple access;

wherein a base station which transmits to a first cell in said pattern of cell is assigned a first transmission frequency for transmitting to said first cell, said first transmission frequency not being assigned to any base station for transmitting to any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent to said first cell;

wherein each user station in said first cell is assigned said first transmission frequency for transmitting to said base station which transmits to said first cell;

wherein the communication between said base station which transmits to said first cell and the user stations in said first cell are time division duplexed.

8. The wireless communication system of claim 7, wherein a user station in said first cell transmits data communication messages which include station identification information.

9. The wireless communication system of claim 7, wherein said base station which transmits to said first cell is dynamically assigned said first transmission frequency.

10. The wireless communication system of claim 7, wherein a user station is dynamically assigned said first transmission frequency when it enters said first cell.

11. The wireless communication system of claim 7, wherein said pattern of cells comprises a repeated pattern of cells consisting essentially of a first class of cells, a second class of cells, and a third class of cells, wherein no member of said first class of cells, no member of said second class of cells is adjacent to another member of said second class of cells, and no member of said third class of cells is adjacent to another member of said third class of cells.

12. A wireless communication system, comprising:

a pattern of cells;

a base station; and

one or more user stations;

wherein said base station is assigned a first transmission frequency for transmitting to a first cell in said pattern of cells, said first transmission frequency not being assigned to any base station for transmitting to any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent said first cell;

wherein said user stations in said first cell are assigned a second transmission frequency, said second transmission

frequency not assigned to any user stations in any cell in said pattern of cells adjacent said first cell;

wherein said base station is further assigned a first spread spectrum code for modulating radio communication for said first cell; and

wherein said user stations in said first cell are each assigned a second spread spectrum code for modulating radio communication from said first cell.

13. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein said first transmission frequency is from a first set comprised of a limited first predetermined number of frequencies and wherein said second transmission frequency if from a second set comprised of a limited second predetermined number of frequencies.

14. The wireless communication system of claim 13, whereby the frequencies of said first set of frequencies are mutually exclusive of the frequencies of said second set of frequencies.

15. The wireless communication system of claim 13, wherein said first predetermined number of frequencies is three and said second predetermined number of frequencies is three.

16. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein said base station is dynamically assigned said first transmission frequency.

17. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein a user station is dynamically assigned said second transmission frequency when it enters said first cell.

18. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein each base station servicing said pattern of cells uses said first spread spectrum code for modulating radio communication for said pattern of cells uses said second spread spectrum code for modulating radio communications from said pattern of cells.

19. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein said pattern of cells comprises a repeated pattern of ells consisting essentially of a first class of cells, a second class of cells, and a third class of cells, wherein no member of said first class of cells is adjacent to another member of said first class of cells, no member of second class of cells is adjacent to another member of said second class of cells and no member of said third class of cells is adjacent to another member of said third class of cells.

20. The wireless communication system of claim 12, wherein said first spread spectrum code and said second spread spectrum code comprises a set of codes with minimal cross-correlation attributes.

21. A multiple user wireless communication system, comprising:

a plurality of cells;

a base station located in each cell;

wherein transmitters in a first cell are assigned a first code for modulating radio communication in said first cell;

whereby radio signals used in said first cell are spread across a bandwidth sufficiently wide that receivers in a second cell, said second cell being adjacent to said first cell, may

distinguish communication which originates in said first cell from communication which originates in said second cell;

whereby said first cell using said first code is not adjacent to any other cell using said first code;

wherein said base station transmits over a first frequency; and

wherein user stations in communication with said base station transmit over a second frequency different from said first frequency.

22. The multiple user wireless communication system of claim 17, wherein said base station communicates with said user stations using time division duplexing.

23. A wireless communication system, comprising:

a plurality of cells;

a base station; and

a plurality of user stations;

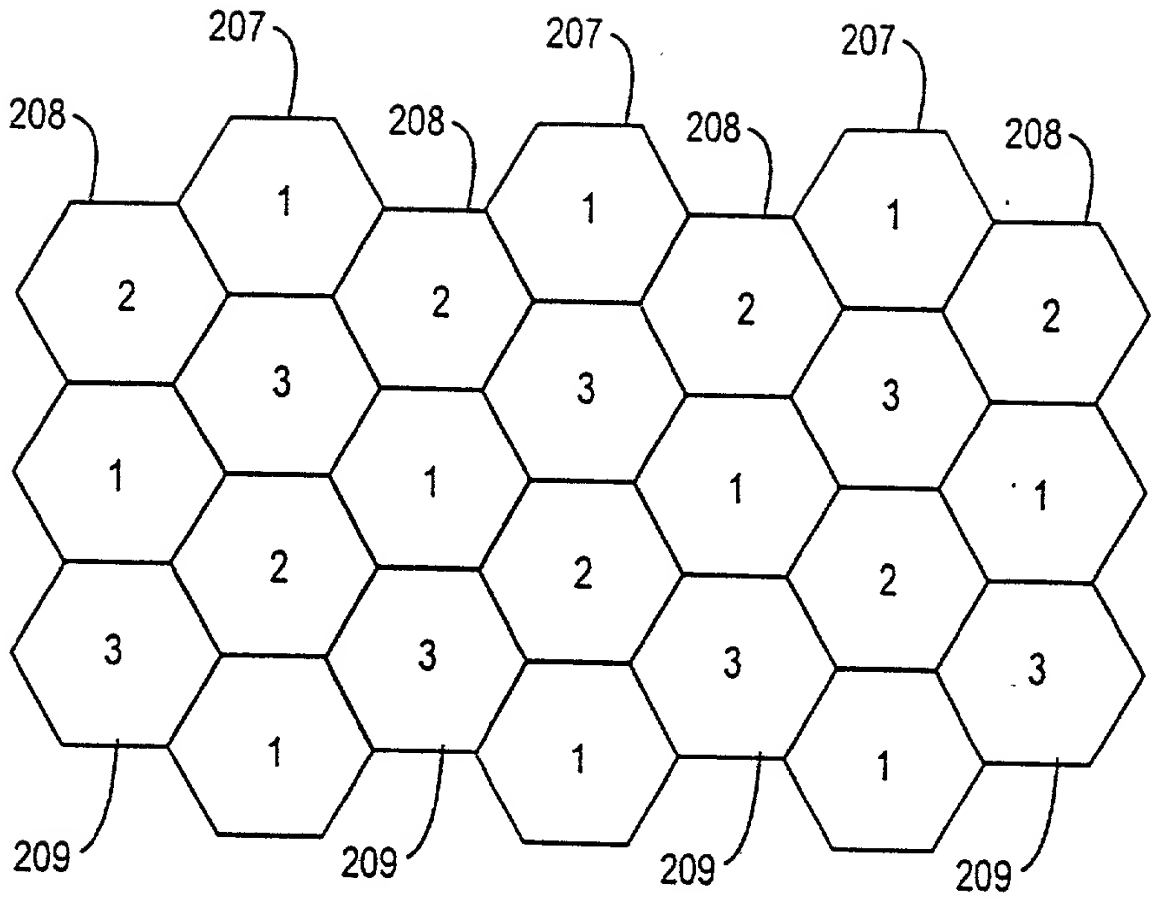
wherein said base station is assigned a first transmission frequency for transmitting to a first cell in said plurality of cells, said first transmission frequency not being assigned to any base station for transmitting to any cell in said plurality of cells adjacent said first cell;

wherein said user stations in said first cell are assigned a second transmission frequency, said second transmission frequency not assigned to any user stations in any cell in said plurality of cells adjacent said first cell;

wherein said base station and said user stations in said first cell are assigned one or more distinct codes for modulating radio communication for said first cell.

24. The wireless communication system of claim 19, wherein said base station is assigned a first set of one or more distinct spreading codes for communicating with user stations in said first cell, said first set of one or more distinct spreading codes not being assigned to any base station for communicating in any cell in said plurality of cells adjacent said first cell, and wherein said user stations in said first cell are assigned a second set of one or more distinct spreading codes, said second set of one or more distinct spreading codes not assigned to any user stations in any cell in said plurality of cells adjacent said first cell.

25. The wireless communication system of claim 19, wherein said base station communicates with said user stations using time division duplexing.



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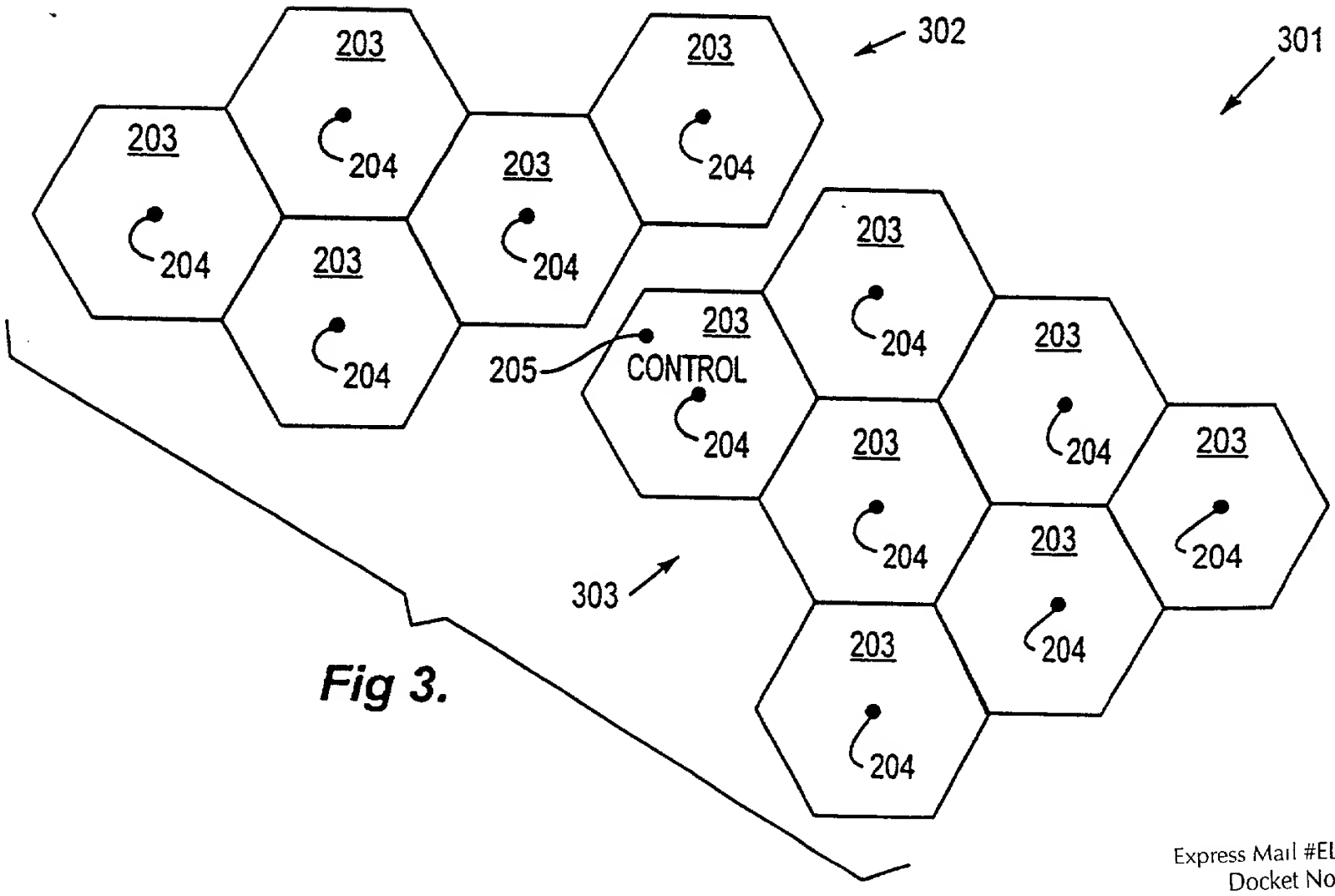

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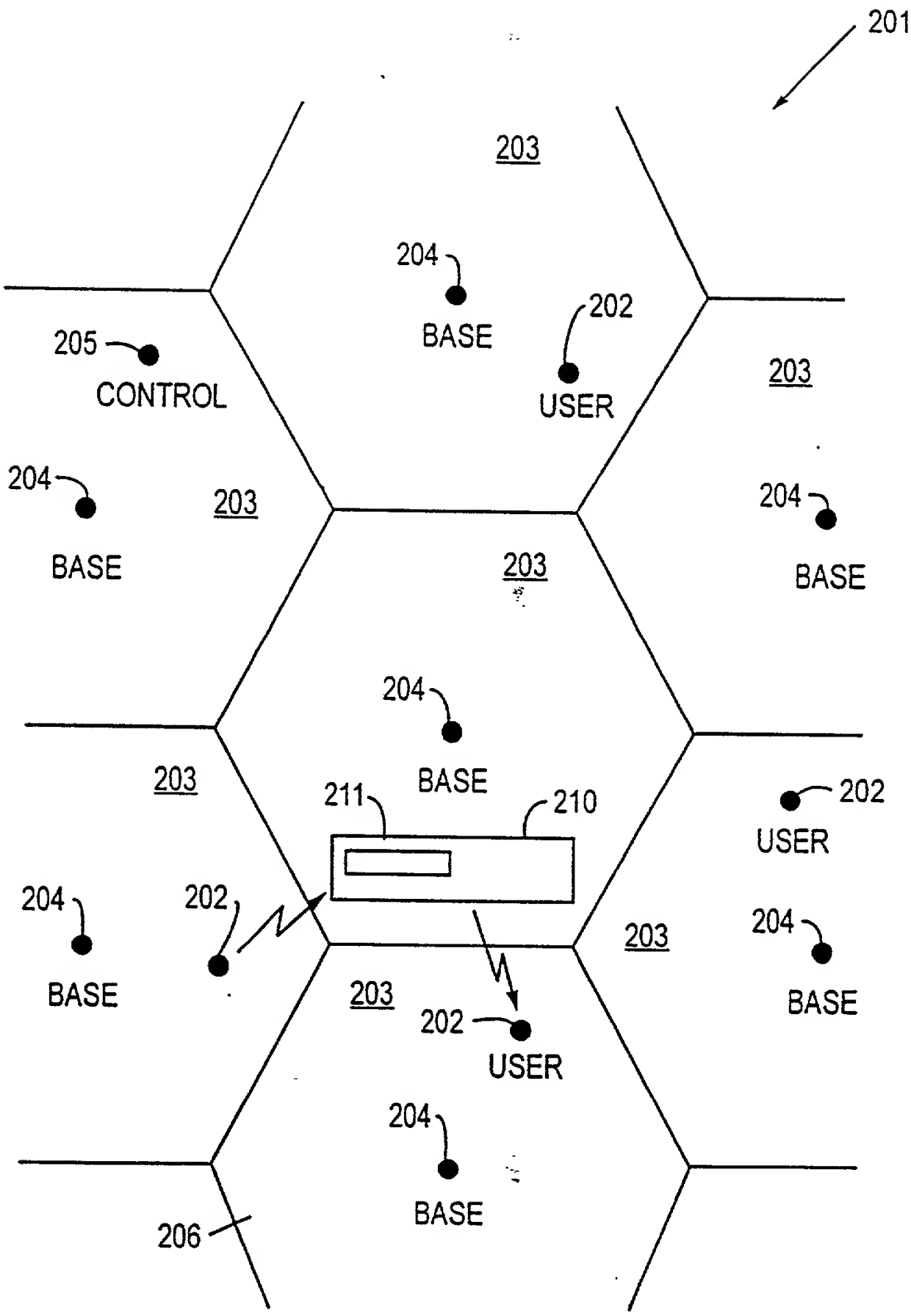
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